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PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR HEARST RANCH CONSERVATION PROJECT

Public meeting in Cayucos to present plans for proposed State purchase of interests in 82,000-acre Hearst Ranch on San Luis Obispo County coast

California Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman announced today that the State of California will host a public meeting to present plans for the proposed purchase by the State of interests in the Hearst Ranch. The proposal includes purchase of fee interests in the western portion of the property and a conservation easement to protect the natural resources and scenic amenities of the remainder of the ranch. Members of the public attending the meeting will be welcome to ask questions about the proposal.

When: Thursday, July 15, 2004, 6:30 p.m. (Doors to open at 5:30)

Where: Cayucos Veterans Hall, 10 Cayucos Drive, Cayucos (near Highway 1, between San Luis Obispo and Cambria)

Who: On behalf of the State of California, representatives from the State Coastal Conservancy, California State Parks, Wildlife Conservation Board, and Caltrans will attend. Joining them will be representatives from the Hearst Corporation, American Land Conservancy, California Rangeland Trust, and local elected officials.

This informational meeting will be followed by public hearings to consider the purchase and its funding:

Wildlife Conservation Board	August 12, 2004	Sacramento
State Coastal Conservancy	September 15, 2004	Sonoma County

Proposed transaction documents, maps, and meeting schedules may be found starting July 12 on the Resources Agency website at www.resources.ca.gov. Information about the upcoming Wildlife Conservation Board and Coastal Conservancy meetings may be found at www.dfg.ca.gov/wcb and www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov.

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